



“The City With a Heart”

Larry Franzella, Mayor  
Rico Medina, Vice Mayor  
Ken Ibarra, Councilmember  
Irene O’Connell, Councilmember  
Jim Ruane, Councilmember

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**April 25, 2006**

**7:00 p.m.**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:** The San Bruno City Council met in regular session on April 11, 2006 at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Mayor Franzella** thanked the **San Bruno Garden Club** for providing the beautiful floral arrangement.

**1. ROLL CALL:** Presiding was Mayor Franzella with Councilmembers, Medina, Ruane, Ibarra and O’Connell in attendance. Recorded by City Clerk Bonner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **Mayor Franzella** announced San Bruno was once again participating in the **Youth in Government Week**, co-sponsored by the Lions Club and the City of San Bruno. He asked the students come forward and give their names and what position they would be filling next week in San Bruno at their own mock Council meeting on May 2.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Receive Presentation by Councilmember O’Connell Announcing Annual **Operation Clean Sweep** Event to be held Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

**Councilmember O’Connell** reminded everyone the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Clean Sweep Event would be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. There is a website <http://sanbruno.ca.gov>. under Beautification Task Force or the hot line can be called, 616-7145.

**Park and Recreation Director Mazzuca** gave an overview of the Arbor Day event held on Saturday, April 1 where twenty volunteers and City Staff met to plant twenty-five trees. He expressed his hope the success of this event would continue in years to come.

**Councilmember O’Connell** thanked the Staff and volunteers for coming out on a rainy day.

**Rose Urbach**, Euclid Ave. felt the Arbor Day event was great; however, she expressed her concerns about the appearance of the fifth edition.

**Ken Ibarra** announced the **Annual Posy Parade** to be held the first Sunday in June with a theme of San Bruno Honors Our Veterans. More information will follow.

- b. Present Proclamation Congratulating **Wattson Brevast, Owner of The Shops at Tanforan**, on Receipt of the San Francisco Business Times Award for Suburban Rehabilitation Deal of the Year for 2005.

**Mayor Franzella** highlighted the Proclamation to be presented to Wattson Brevast on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

c. Receive San Bruno **Chamber of Commerce Update and Report of Activities** and Accomplishments Given by Chamber President Tammy Del Bene and President-Elect Lisa Teglia.

**Tammy Del Bene** gave an oral presentation, assisted by President-Elect **Lisa Teglia** on power point, of the San Bruno Chamber of Commerce's numerous activities over the past year. She also pointed out their website and the benefits it offers to members.

**Mayor Franzella** congratulated Tammy and the Chamber for their fine volunteer work.

**2. REVIEW OF AGENDA:** **Mayor Franzella** requested Item 12. a. be moved forward on the Agenda once Dave Nigel arrives from a memorial.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as submitted.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Councilmember Ibarra** requested Item 4.e. be pulled

- a. **Approve:** Payroll of April 7, 2006.
- b. **Approve:** Accounts Payable of March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 and 10, 2006.
- c. **Accept:** Reconciliation of General Ledger to Bank Reports and the Investment Reports Dated February 28, 2006, as Submitted by City Treasurer Linda Freitas.
- d. **Adopt:** Resolution of Intention to Amend Job Description for Fire Captain.
- e. **Accept:** A Donation of \$11,858.01 from Artichoke Enterprises for Purchase of a Digital Imaging – Identification Card System.
- f. **Approve:** Out of State Travel for Cable TV Director to Attend the American Cable Association's Washington Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 8 – 9, 2006.

**M/S O'Connell/Ibarra** to approve the remainder of the consent items, passed with a unanimous vote.

**Councilmember Ibarra** recognized Artichoke Joe's for their generosity.

**M/S Ibarra/Medina** to approve Item 4.e., passed with a unanimous vote.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Hold Public Hearing, Waive First Reading, and Introduce an Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting Section 7.20.010 (increase of Prima Facie **Speed Limit in Certain Zones**) and Section 7.20.020 (Decrease of **Maximum Speed Limit**) of Chapter 7.20 (Speed Limits), Title 7 (**Vehicles and Traffic**) of the San Bruno Municipal Code.

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** gave an overview of the staff report regarding areas to be impacted by reduced speed limits as well as the one area to have an increased speed limit.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked for an explanation of prima facie.

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** prima facie speed limits are what the California Vehicle Code establishes as speed limits for City streets at 25 miles per hour.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked the reasons for some of these speed limits being changed

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** said they look at a critical speed, which is on the bell curve which determines the speed limit to be set.

**Vice Mayor Medina** asked for the street locations to be identified.

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** said Crystal Springs (Cunningham to Crestmoor) 25 mph; Fleetwood Dr. (North City Limits to Berkshire) 25 mph; Fleetwood Dr. (Berkshire to Rollingwood) 25 mph; Herman St. (Tanforan to Huntington) 30 mph; San Bruno Ave. (I-280 to ECR) 35 mph; San Bruno Ave. (ECR to US-101) 25 mph; San Mateo Ave. (Forest to ECR) 25 mph; and, one increase Huntington Ave. (North City Limits to Forest) 30 mph.

**Councilmember O’Connell** asked when these new speed limits would go into effect?

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** said they would go one location at a time with signage to inform motorists the speed limit has been changed over a six-week period.

**Councilmember O’Connell** said the idea of the flashy light sign is great. She asked if the Police Department was going to give out warnings first and then tickets.

**City Manager Jackson** said Cable TV would announce a list of the locations where motorists need to be on alert and watching for speed limit changes.

**Police Captain Telford** reiterated there would be signage to inform motorists and Cable TV would also list the streets whose speed limits would be changed.

**Councilmember O’Connell** invited the public to go the City Clerk’s office to look at the full report on these proposed changes.

**Jeffrey Tong**, Fleetwood Dr., strongly supported the speed limit changes on Fleetwood.

**M/S O’Connell/Ruane** to close Public Hearing and passed by a unanimous vote.

**M/S Councilmember Ruane/Ibarra** waived the first reading and passed by a unanimous vote.

**Councilmember Ruane** introduced the ordinance for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Appoint candidate to fill vacancy for San Bruno **City Treasurer position**.

**Mayor Franzella** said if they do not reach a consensus on picking a Treasurer, it would go to a special meeting of the City Council to be called for a Special Election because the deadline is the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Council did interview and did background checks on three individuals.

**Vice Mayor Medina** expressed his appreciation to the candidates to allow the background checks in which no discrepancies were found.

**Councilmember O’Connell** applauded the three candidates who applied for the position. Councilmember O’Connell then motioned **Jeffrey Realini** for Treasurer with a second from Councilmember Ibarra.

**Councilmember Ruane** motioned **John Marty**, with a second from Vice Mayor Medina.

**Mayor Franzella** said first nomination was Jeffrey Realini; in favor were Councilmembers O’Connell and Ibarra, second name was John Marty; in favor were Councilmembers Ruane, Medina and Mayor Franzella.

**Mayor Franzella** said Council will appoint **John Marty** and asked thanked the other candidates for their participation and expressed his hope they would remain involved in other aspects of the community.

**7. CALL FOR, PRESENTATION OF BIDS, and AWARD OF CONTRACT:** None.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**9. STAFF REPORTS:**

a. Approve **Honorary Street Name Sign Design** for Sneath Lane, Sign Placement Locations and Installation Schedule.

**Recreation Services Manager Brewer** gave an overview of the staff report and asked for approval on placing Honorary Street Name Signs on Sneath Lane. The City will host a celebration commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City's War Memorial Recreation Center on June 3, 2006 when the building will be rededicated and renamed to Veterans Memorial Recreation Center.

**Mayor Franzella** thanked staff for a job well done. He complimented the choice of color as well as the consistency of the City logo. The larger signs were inconsistent with San Bruno's other signs and he felt they should all be kept to one size. He asked staff to bring back ideas for other honorary signs as they come up.

**Councilmember Ibarra** thought the signs could be more decorative.

**Vice Mayor Medina** felt the signs looked like an ordinary street sign.

**Councilmember Ruane** brought out the point to look beyond the sign. The sign doesn't say it all; it is just a highlight of what the City is trying to do.

**M/S O'Connell/Ruane** moved to approve the honorary signs. She asked if brass plaques could be added to the program.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked for an amendment to the motion if a different type style could be used.

**Recreation Services Manager Brewer** said this was a standard street font but she would look into it.

**Councilmember Ibarra** was curious how it would look with the different font.

**City Manager Jackson** said they would look into getting a different font if this is the Council's wish, but there is a time-line.

**Councilmember Ibarra** questioned if we were trying to meet the Memorial Day holiday?

**Mayor Franzella** said there was a motion and a second on the floor. He felt it was important when the criteria is brought back for approving honorary signs, we also bring back the part of the program that there be a location and a plaque and the reason the sign was placed.

**Vice Mayor Medina** agreed it is important to let people know why a street sign is what it is for historical purposes.

**Passed unanimously.**

b. Receive Presentation of **Quarterly Financial Report** as of March 31, 2006 for the 2005-06 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds Budget.

**Finance Director Jim O'Leary** gave a quarterly financial overview through March 31, 2006.

**Mayor Franzella** asked about the projected \$142,000. ending balance. He said the amount was part of the \$685,000. taken from the reserves. It looks as though the City has \$142,000. in profit, when in fact we still have a deficit of some \$543,000. net out of our reserves. Even though the numbers come out the same, couldn't this be presented differently?

**Finance Director Jim O'Leary** said the interpretation is correct, the reason there is a surplus is because there was a transfer from reserves.

**Mayor Franzella** said it looks like the City made \$142,000. in profit, when in they spent \$543,000.

**Finance Director Jim O'Leary** said this is the way the budget has been presented; however, if the Council would like it shown the other way when the budget is prepared, we will reflect the transfer is only showing up to the amount needed in order to get to zero.

**Mayor Franzella** asked if it be corrected when the final numbers are shown in the in the fourth quarter.

**Finance Director Jim O'Leary** pointed out there is a difference between the fund balance and the amount in the reserves. It is an important distinction.

**Vice Mayor Medina** concurred with Mayor Franzella.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked about sales tax from San Bruno Ford.

**Finance Director Jim O'Leary** said sales tax information for a going concern is confidential. He said it was several hundred thousand dollars.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked about the increase in sales tax as of the last report?

**Finance Director O'Leary** said there was an increase in the second quarter of '05 over the second quarter of '04.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked if this reflected the entire City of San Bruno

**Finance Director O'Leary** replied yes.

**Councilmember Ibarra** said it appears the shops at Tanforan did very well.

**Finance Director O'Leary** replied someone did very well.

**12.a. Receive annual oral report of Parks and Recreation Committee** (moved forward).

**Chair Dave Nigel**, Parks & Recreation Commission gave an annual report of their many accomplishments over the last year.

**Vice Mayor Medina** thanked the Chair and all the members of the Commission for their work.

c. Adopt Resolution Authorizing **Reduction in Parking Time Limit** from Six (6) hours to Two (2) Hours along the West Side of El Camino Real, from Sneath Lane to San Bruno Avenue.

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** explained under Council's direction Public Works looked into the feasibility of changing the parking time limit on the west side of El Camino Real from Sneath lane to San Bruno Avenue from six (6) to two (2) hours. He asked for adoption of a resolution to make the change.

**Councilmember Ruane** introduced the ordinance for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

d. Adopt Resolution to **Abandon Existing Public Utilities easements and Accept New Public Utilities Easements** in Order to Correct for Actual Utilities Locations at **College Heights Subdivision** and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Grant of Easement.

**Interim City Engineer Chris Coles** said this involves four single-family homes and he asked Council to adopt a resolution to abandon existing easements and accept new easements.

**Councilmember Ruane** introduced the ordinance for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

- e. Adopt Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with **STG Graphics** in an amount not to exceed \$106,500 for services to provide the design, fabrication, lighting, and installation of the **Gateway Signage** for the north and south El Camino Real entrances to the City.

**Library Director Jackson** reviewed the staff report and in response to Council's interest for the installation of the gateway signage to include improvements to the median landscaping, staff has consulted with Callendar Associates who will provide design services for the landscaping, while STG Graphics will provide the artwork for the sign.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked if preliminary designs to the median landscape improvements would be provided.

**Library Director Jackson** said they would receive documents necessary to go ahead and do construction bidding. Larry Mazzuca will come back to Council for approval.

**Mayor Franzella** asked if Callendar and Associates would be meeting with the median landscape committee before they go out and design something?

**Library Director Jackson** said, "duly noted."

**Councilmember Ibarra** inquired if STG was providing a full-scale mock-up.

**Library Director Jackson** said they would be doing a full-scale mock-up on the median.

**Councilmember Ibarra** introduced the ordinance for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

- f. Adopt Resolution Adopting Principles for Congress and the State Legislature to consider in its debate over establishment of a new **Telecommunications Regulatory Framework**.

**City Manager Jackson** said this an effort to stay on top of the emerging legislation both at the State and Federal level that has the potential for impacting the delivery of cable television services through our San Bruno Cable TV as well as other providers. She asked for a continuation of previous actions by the Council to stay active in this area. She asked for adoption of a resolution being proposed before the League of California Cities to specify the framework being advocated by municipalities.

**Mayor Franzella** said he had met with Congressman Lantos as well as the Vice Mayor specifically on this issue. He sent a letter stating, absent changes to the proposed legislation, it would not have his support. He wants the cities protected.

**Vice Mayor Medina** introduced the ordinance for adoption with a roll call vote of all ayes.

**10. REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY - RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:** None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:**

**John Eggimann**, Fleetwood Dr., asked why Cal Train is allowed to run the rainwater from Skyline across private properties, and the City of San Bruno makes those property owners responsible for the valley gutters.

**Mayor Franzella** asked him to give his address and phone number to the City Clerk for follow-up.

**12. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:**

- a. Receive annual oral report of Parks and Recreation Commission (moved to
- b. Receive report from Councilmembers on attendance at annual **San Mateo County Progress Seminar**, April 8-9, 2006.

**Councilmember O'Connell** highlighted the San Mateo County Progress Seminar, which she said was very informative. One of the classes she felt would be of special interest to San Bruno was the prevention of youngsters getting into gangs. She asked if there could be a study session or a Town Hall meeting and have a similar presentation here in San Bruno.

**Mayor Franzella** said to get the information to the City Manager and we could look into working on conjunction with the school district.

**City Manager Jackson** said the City of San Bruno's Police Department has developed a presentation. She said we are well equipped to provide in-house and reach out to the community.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vice Mayor Medina** commented on the unsightliness as you enter into San Bruno Avenue. He said it appears San Bruno, the City with a Heart appears to be San Bruno, the City with the weeds.

**Mayor Franzella** asked if someone would look into this.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Closed Session:**

The City Attorney has requested a Closed Session to provide direction regarding anticipated litigation pursuant to Gov't Code Section 54956.

With no further business to transact, at 9:00 p.m., the City Council adjourned to the next City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Rd., San Bruno.

Respectfully submitted for approval  
at the regular City Council Meeting of  
May 9, 2006.

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Carol Bonner, City Clerk

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Larry Franzella, Mayor